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GLOSSARY

2IC	Second-in-Command
ABRO	Army of Burma Reserved Organization
AFPFL	Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League
AG	Adjutant General
APC	Armoured Personnel Carrier
ASO	Adjutant Staff Officer
AWCS	Advanced Warning and Control System
BATD	Burma Army Training Depot
BCP	Burma Communist Party
BEDC	Burma Economic Development Corporation
BIMS	Battlefiled Information Management System
BSO	Bureau of Special Operations
BSPP	Burma Socialist Programme Party
BTF	Burma Territorial Force
BWS	Burmese Way to Socialism
C ³ I	Command, Control, Communication and Intelligence
CAFTO	Chief of Armed Forces Training
CGE	Central Government Expenditure
CGSC	Command and General Staff College
CIPS	Central Institute of Political Science
CO	Commanding Officer
DDSI	Directorate of Defence Service Intelligence
DI	Defence Industries
DMT	Directorate of Military Training
DSA	Defence Services Academy

DSAS	Defence Services Administration School
DSCFS	Defence Services Combat Forces School
DSI	Defence Services Institute
DSIB	Defence Services Intelligence Bureau
DSIC	Defence Services Intelligence Centre
DSMA	Defence Services Medical Academy
DSNCOS	Defence Services Non-Commissioned Officers School
DSTA	Defence Services Technological Academy
DVB	Democratic Voice of Burma
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
ELINT	Electronic Intelligence
EW	Electronic Warfare
GDP	Gross Domestic Products
GPS	Global Positioning System
GSO	General Staff Office / Officer
HIMAD	High to Medium Altitude Air Defence
IG	Inspector General
IO	Intelligence Officer
JAG	Judge Advocate General
KMT	Koumington
KNDO	Karen National Defence Organization
LAWS	Land/Air Warfare School
LIC	Low Intensity Conflict
LID	Light Infantry Division
MAG	Military Appointment General
MANPADS	Man-portable Air Defence System
MAS	Military Affairs Security
MBT	Main Battle Tanks
MCTI	Military Computer and Technological Institute
MEC	Myanmar Economic Corporation
MIS	Military Intelligence Section
MOC	Military Operation Command
MP	Member of Parliament
MWVO	Myanmar War Veteran Organization
NBSD	North Burma Sub-District
NCO	Non-Commissioned Officer
NDC	National Defence College
NLM	New Light of Myanmar (newspaper)
NUF	National United Front
OSS	Office of Strategic Studies

OTS	Officer's Training School
PBF	Patriotic Burmese Force
PLA	People's Liberation Army (China)
QMG	Quartermaster General
QSO	Quartermaster Staff Officer
RC	Revolutionary Council
RFA	Radio Free Asia
RMA	Revolution in Military Affairs
ROC	Regional Operation Command
SAC	Security and Administrative Committee
SAM	Surface-to-Air Missile
SAO	State Administrative Organizations
SBSD	South Burma Sub-District
SEADS	Suppression of Enemy Air Defence System
SEE	State-owned Economic Enterprises
SHORAD	Short Range Air Defence
SIGINT	Signal Intelligence
SLORC	State Law and Order Restoration Council
SPDC	State Peace and Development Council
SSM	Surface-to-Surface Missile
TGE	Total Government Expenditure
TOC	Tactical Operation Command
UMEHL	Union of Myanmar Economic Holding Limited
UMP	Union Military Police
USDA	Union Solidarity and Development Association
WMD	Weapons of Mass Destruction